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For : A CAMERA SYSTEM HAVING A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
BETWEEN A CAMERA BODY AND A PHOTOGRAPHING LENS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 3 of the specification as follows
(a marked-up copy of the amendment is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

Figure 19B is a timing chart for a handshake operation performed between the camera body and the photographing lens at the commencement of the new-type communication process;

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

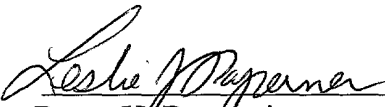
3. (Amended-Clean Text) The camera system according to claim 1, wherein said photographing lens comprises a lens controller, which can communicate with said body controller, wherein said lens controller sends lens type data, which indicates said type of said photographing lens, to said camera body.

REMARKS

By the above amendment, the brief description of Figure 19B and the dependency of claim 3 have been corrected.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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MARKED-UP COPY OF SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Paragraph beginning on page 9, line 3:

Figure 19B [19A] is a timing chart for a handshake operation performed between the camera body and the photographing lens at the commencement of the new-type communication process;

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MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS

3. (Amended) The camera system according to claim 1 [3], wherein said photographing lens comprises a lens controller, which can communicate with said body controller, wherein said lens controller sends lens type data, which indicates said type of said photographing lens, to said camera body.